

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Greenways Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING: June 1, 2005
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Robin Madel, 303-441-4073
NAMES OF MEMBERS, COUNCIL, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Gil Barth, Krista Norback, Susan Iott, Simon Mole, Ed Von Bleichert, Allyn Feinberg STAFF – Annie Noble, Karen Medde, Mark Gershman, Robin Madel
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (BOLD ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Agenda Item 2 – Public hearing and GAC recommendation on the Greenways 2006-2011 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Annie Noble presented the budget and provided a brief background of the program. Noble explained how the lottery funds are assigned to Greenways projects. Noble also explained the carryover of \$976,922 from 2004 and 2005. The total carryover plus budget for 2006 is \$1,426,922. Noble addressed questions raised in an email from the Open Space Department regarding funding for the habitat maintenance program that has not been spent. The Open Space Department provided a list of projects that would be appropriate for habitat maintenance funding to support. GAC questions covered the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging of funds; • The habitat maintenance budget; • Success of the habitat maintenance program; • Reallocating habitat maintenance funds; • The method for reviewing projects; • The Fourmile Canyon Creek project; • The plusses and minuses of creating Greenways trails on every creek in town; • Focusing on habitat destruction with Flood Control and Greenways projects; • The flood control component of Greenways projects; • The Skunk Creek underpass on 27th Way; and • Meeting to discuss spending more of the habitat maintenance budget. <p><u>Allyn Feinberg</u> moved that the Greenways Advisory Committee approve the 2006-2011 CIP and that Greenways, Open Space and Parks work collaboratively to spend habitat maintenance funds on projects including but not limited to those on the Open Space project list.</p> <p><u>Simon Mole</u> seconded the motion.</p> <p>The vote was 5-1 in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Susan Iott voted against the motion because she thought that the wording dealing with spending habitat maintenance funds was different from the concerns raised about efforts to mitigate habitat destruction. Iott wanted to include an amendment that encouraged the staff to continue seeking nonstructural alternatives to avoid habitat loss and degradation in riparian areas.</p>
Agenda Item 3 – Update of the Greenways Master Plan. Annie Noble informed the GAC that the Master Plan is due for an update. The committee discussed several strategies for the update and items they would like to see included. In particular, Ed von Bleichert wanted to hold a meeting to identify and discuss the limitations of the Greenways program and ways that the program can influence larger city processes. Several members felt that the topics raised by von Bleichert were appropriate for

the agenda of the next regularly scheduled GAC meeting rather than holding a special meeting. Several members said they felt that the next GAC meeting could be used as a preparatory meeting before beginning work on the Master Plan update.

Ed von Bleichert moved to ask the Greenways Advisory Committee to work to identify issues related to habitat loss associated with development within Greenways reaches, including but not limited to specifics of habitat restoration, mitigation and compensation as well as on-going maintenance practices and funding for completed projects along Greenways.

Susan Iott seconded the motion.

The vote was 4-2 in favor of the motion.

Krista Nordback voted against the motion because she felt it was too vague.

Allyn Feinberg voted against the motion because she felt that the issues could be handled as agenda items at the next GAC meeting and did not require a formal vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting: To be determined.